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REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are all the claims presently pending in the application.

It is noted that Applicant specifically states that no amendment to any claim herein should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim.

Claims 1-17 and 19 are <u>allowed</u>. Claims 18 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. As best understood, the above claim amendments properly address the Examiner's concern for these claims. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

III. FORMAL MATTERS AND CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-20, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a <u>telephonic or personal interview</u>.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATION OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that I am filing this Amendment Under 37 C.F.R.§ 1.116 by facsimile with the United States Patent and Trademark Office to Examiner Chuong T. Ho, Group Art Unit 2664 at fax number (703) 872-9306 on this 11th day of July 2005.

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